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SUBJ : TENNECO FIVE

1. THE CONVERSATION WITH REPS OF THE AMERICAN EVANGELICAL MISSION INDICATES THEIR CONTACTS FEEL HOSTAGES WILL BE RELEASED TOWARDS END OF WEEK. THEIR CONTACTS ARE GOING TO NEGOTIATE WITH ELF. THE MURDER OF ONE NURSE AND THE KIDNAPPING OF THE PREGNANT NURSE WHICH CAUSED THE CLOSURE OF SEVERAL MISSION HOSPITALS IN ERITREA IS CAUSING A GROUND-SWELL OF ANTI-ELF SENTIMENT.

2. IT IS REPORTED THAT THE RED SEA MISSION TEAM WILL CLOSE ITS MASSAWA CLINIC AND THAT THE MIDDLE EAST GENERAL MISSION WILL CLOSE THE HAICOTA HOSPITAL LOCATED NEAR TESSENEI, ERITREA.

3. THE ABOVE SOURCES INDICATE THAT THE HOSTAGES ARE WELL AT PRESENT. DR. DAN HARTOG OF THE AMERICAN EVANGELICAL MISSION BELIEVES HE WAS THE INTENDED TARGET OF THE KIDNAPPING.
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